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1. You are aware of the fact that I am thinking hard about what to do to alleviate the pressures which seem to have developed in connection with 's activities. It has just come to my attention that Ambassador Murphy is here and I propose to try to see him at the earliest possible moment, with a view to getting him to take a message and a memorandum from me to General Clay. This message and memorandum should contain a brief and concise description of 's mission and what he is trying to accomplish, together with the statement that we anticipate that General Hall may speak to him about this matter at some time in the relatively near future.

2. In the preparation of this brief memorandum which I can use for the purpose indicated - and which should take priority over all your other work for the moment - you will, of course, bear in mind the only information of any significance which we have about the problem, namely that General Hall has made it fairly plain that in view of his present frame of mind about 's operation, he does not feel that he can undertake to justify or defend 's activity with General Clay. The thought has occurred to me that we might be able to clean up this situation without sending a person to Germany if General Clay could let General Hall know that he is aware of the nature of 's operation and believes that it should be assisted and encouraged.

3. I hope to speak to Ambassador Murphy at some length about this orally, and I will give him the pitch as far as the handling of the matter with General Clay is concerned, so that the memorandum itself can be confined to a very brief statement of the significance and limited purposes of 's operation.

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